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TAGS: PFOR, IR, UK

SUBJECT: UK-IRAQ RELATIONS ARE IMPROVING

1. FCO ME DEPT HEAD TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE FEBRUARY 20
THAT IRAQ HAS APPROACHED UK ON RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS AND REQUESTED THAT A BRITISH MINISTER VISIT
IRAQ TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AS WELL AS ECONOMIC AND
COMMERCIAL COOPERATION.

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2. BRITISH HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING IN REPLY. THEY HAVE

POINTED OUT THAT MINISTERIAL VISIT IS INOPPORTUNE DURING BRITAIN'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN. HOWEVER, GROUP HEADED BY LORD DENMAN, REPRESENTING SEMI-OFFICIAL COMMITTEE FOR MIDDLE EAST TRADE, IS ALREADY SCHEDULED TO VISIT IRAQ. IT WILL LEAVE IN 2-3 DAYS. ITS PURPOSE IS EXPORT PROMOTION. IN REPLY TO DIRECT QUESTION, WRIGHT TOLD US THERE IS NO INTENTION TO SOLICIT ANY ADDITIONAL IRAQI OIL IN EXCHANGE.

3. BRITISH REMAIN INTERESTED IN ANY IRAQI OVERTURES TO US ALONG SIMILAR LINES.

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